

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay even more for my telephone service! Since deregulation of the telephone industry, fees and taxes have grown at a alarming rate. For my land-line, I currently pay 35% MORE in taxes and fees than for the phone service! Of that, 29% are Federal Fees and Taxes. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people (such as I) who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. It is unfair that low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers.

I use prepaid phone cards to reduce my long distance bills, especially when traveling. I use a prepaid wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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